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For: **ASTAXANTHIN PRODUCTION USING FED-
BATCH FERMENTATION PROCESS BY *PHAFFIA*
*RHODOZYMA***

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicants wish to make of record the following documents (clean copies and a Form PTO-1449 listing the documents are enclosed). The following documents were cited in the International Search Report, mailed March 31, 2004 in the International application corresponding to the above-captioned case.

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- C2 Ho, K.P. *et al.*, "Growth and Carotenoid Production of *Phaffia Rhodozyma* in Fed-Batch Cultures with Different Feeding Methods," Biotechnology Letters, vol. 21, pp. 175-178 (1999).
- C3 Fell, J.W. and Blatt, G.M., "Separation of Strains of the Yeasts *Xanthophyllomyces Dendrorhous* and *Phaffia Rhodozyma* Based on *rDNA* IGS and ITS Sequence Analysis," Journal of Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology, vol. 23, pp. 677-681 (1999).

The Examiner's independent consideration of all of these documents and their relevance before issuance of the first official action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is also requested to initial and return a copy of the accompanying form PTO-1449 to evidence such consideration.

Copies of the International Search Report and International Preliminary Examination Report are included herewith. All documents cited in these reports are identified herein and copies of all documents, other than the U.S. patent document, are provided. See MPEP § 609(III)(A)(2)(A) (8th Ed., Rev. 2, May 2004, p. 600-128); See also 1276 OG 55 (August 5, 2003) (Waiving the requirement under Rule 98(a)(2)(1) to

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